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SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF JULY NUMBERS FOR BOAT REFUGEES

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REF: A. STATE 169811, B. BANGKOK 19688,
C. HONG KONG 8805, D. JAKARTA 9348, E. KUALA LUMPUR 7105,
F. MANILA 11741, G. SEOUL 5877, H. SINGAPORE 2995,
I. TAIPEI 4442, J. TAIPEI 4445, K. MANILA 11035,
L. KUALA LUMPUR 6532, M. STATE 152208

1. REF A PARA 6 INSTRUCTED POSTS TO REPORT NUMBER OF
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REFUGEES IN CATEGORIES I THROUGH IV WHO ARRIVED BEFORE
JULY 1, WERE NOT INCLUDED AMONG 1,545 LRP NUMBERS ASSIGNED
TO MALAYSIA AND THAILAND IN JUNE, AND WERE FULLY DOCUMENTED
WITH VISA FALCON CLEARANCE AND RELATIVE OR EMPLOYMENT VERI-
FICATION COMPLETED IF APPLICABLE.

2. POST REPLIES TO THIS INSTRUCTION VARIED CONSIDERABLY.

SOME POSTS REPORTED NUMBER OF FULLY-DOCUMENTED REFUGEES IN EACH CATEGORY; OTHERS STATED NONE HAD BEEN FULLY DOCUMENTED, AND STILL OTHERS DID NOT RESPOND TO REF A. WITHOUT ADEQUATE INFORMATION FROM MOST POSTS, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR DEPT TO DETERMINE HOW NUMBERS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED IN ORDER

TO REQUEST INS/CO TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO INS DIDIR. BASED ON REFTELS, HOWEVER, DEPT HAS REQUESTED AND INS/CO CONCURS WITH ALLOCATION OF 905 NUMBERS FOR JULY AMONG FOLLOWING POSTS:

A. JAKARTA 2 CAT. I, TOTAL 2.

B. HONG KONG 50 CAT. I, 6 CAT. II, 31 CAT. III, TOTAL 87.

C. SEOUL 13 CAT. I, 4 CAT. II, 1 CAT. III, TOTAL 18.

D. TAIPEI 31 CAT. I, 6 CAT. III, TOTAL 37.

E. BANGKOK 61 CAT. I, 28 CAT. II, TOTAL 89.

F. KUALA LUMPUR 304 CAT. I, 42 CAT. II, 308 CAT. III, PLUS 18 OF 1,168 REFUGEES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY INS, TOTAL 672.

4. SEVERAL COMMENTS FOLLOW FROM ABOVE ALLOCATION. AS UNCLASSIFIED

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STATED IN REF A PARA 22, IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR INS OFFICERS TO VISIT EACH POST EACH MONTH TO APPROVE REFUGEES. FOR INSTANCE, ALTHOUGH TWO NUMBERS ALLOCATED TO JAKARTA, INS OIC MAY WISH TO DEFER SENDING OFFICER THERE UNTIL AUGUST OR LATER, WHEN ADDITIONAL NUMBERS ARE ALLOCATED. AT ANY RATE, ONCE NUMBERS ARE ALLOCATED THEY ARE GOOD FOR REMAINDER OF LRP AND WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN UNLESS, OF COURSE, REFUGEES DO NOT QUALIFY.

5. REF B RECOMMENDED THAT INS APPROVE REFUGEES BEFORE THEY ARE FULLY DOCUMENTED, AND STATED THAT REF A INSTRUCTION THAT THEY MUST BE FULLY DOCUMENTED FIRST WOULD CHANGE EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR BOAT REFUGEES. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER THAT CASES BE FULLY DOCUMENTED BEFORE THEY ARE PRESENTED TO INS, RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY NOT BE TIME TO DO SO BEFORE INS OFFICERS VISIT CAMPS IN EACH COUNTRY. WHEN THEY DO, OF COURSE, THEY SHOULD INTERVIEW AS MANY REFUGEES AS POSSIBLE WHOM POSTS EXPECT WILL EVENTUALLY BE FULLY DOCUMENTED. NEVERTHELESS, POSTS SHOULD DO THEIR BEST TO INITIATE AND IF POSSIBLE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION BEFORE INS OFFICERS BEGIN INTERVIEWS.

6. REF E ALSO GAVE FIGURE OF 10 FOR REFUGEES FROM U.S.-OWNED VESSELS. SUCH NUMBERS, AS STATED REF M, ARE SET ASIDE ONLY FOR REFUGEES FOR WHOM USG HAS TO PROVIDE GUARANTEE TO HOST GOVERNMENT IN ORDER FOR THEM TO LAND. THEY ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR REFUGEES FROM A U.S. VESSEL FOR WHOM GUARANTEE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE GIVEN. DEPT IS NOT

AWARE THAT MALAYSIA HAS EVER REQUIRED A GUARANTEE. ALSO NOTE THAT NUMBERS FOR GUARANTEED REFUGEES FROM U.S. SHIPS DO NOT COME OUT OF MONTHLY QUOTAS, AT LEAST NOT UNTIL 1,500 SET ASIDE ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE IS EXHAUSTED. CONVERSELY, NUMBERS FOR REFUGEES FROM U.S. VESSELS WHO ARE NOT GUARANTEED DO COME OUT OF MONTHLY QUOTAS ACCORDING TO CATEGORIES REFUGEES FALL UNDER.
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7. FOR HONG KONG: NUMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOCATED TO 62 LESS QUALIFIED CAT. III REFUGEES SINCE, FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH LOWMAN, IT IS ASSUMED THAT UNDER STRICT INTERPRETATION OF CAT. III CRITERIA, THESE REFUGEES SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN CAT. IV.

8. FOR SINGAPORE: REF H STATED THERE WERE 30 CAT. I AND CAT. II REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE BEFORE JUNE 14. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER DEPT ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT THESE WERE LANDED FROM NON-U.S. VESSELS AND GUARANTEED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. EVEN IF CAT. I AND II REFUGEES WERE GUARANTEED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY, HOWEVER, THEY CAN BE ACCEPTED UNDER LRP, AS STATED REF M. IF GUARANTEED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO URGENCY TO ALLOCATE U.S. NUMBERS TO THESE REFUGEES UNTIL THEY ARE FULLY DOCUMENTED. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN.

9. FOR TAIPEI: SEPTTEL WILL DISCUSS SUBMISSION OF BIODATA TO ACVA BEFORE INS APPROVAL. BASED ON REFS I AND J, NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED IN PARA 3 ABOVE FOR ALL CAT. I THROUGH III REFUGEES IN TAIWAN. PLEASE INFORM DEPT AND ACVA BY CABLE WHICH CASE NUMBERS COVER THESE 37 REFUGEES. UNDER CRITERIA REF M, ALL CAT. I THROUGH III REFUGEES MUST BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THOSE IN CAT. IV. THEREFORE, SINCE OTHER POSTS HAVE ALREADY REPORTED OVER 950 CAT. I THROUGH III REFUGEES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY DOCUMENTED AND FOR WHOM NUMBERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ALLOCATED, IT APPEARS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT NUMBERS WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR CAT. IV REFUGEES FROM TAIWAN FOR SOME TIME.

10. AS INSTRUCTED REF A PARA 7, ALL POSTS SHOULD REPORT BY AUG 5 NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN CATEGORIES I THROUGH IV
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WHO WERE FULLY DOCUMENTED BEFORE AUG 1 AND WERE NOT INCLUDED AMONG ALLOCATIONS MADE THIS CABLE AND REF A. REPLIES MUST COVER FULLY-DOCUMENTED CASES ONLY; I.E., THOSE ON WHOM VISA FALCON CLEARANCES WERE COMPLETED BY THE PASSAGE OF REQUISITE TIME SINCE NAMECHECK REQUESTED, AND THOSE IN CATS. I AND II ON WHOM REPLIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED VERIFYING RELATIONSHIPS OR USG EMPLOYMENT. DO NOT REPEAT NOT REPORT ON THOSE FOR WHOM VISA FALCON OR VERIFICATION

REQUESTS HAVE BEEN SENT BUT RESPONSES NOT RECEIVED, WHETHER OR NOT INS OFFICERS HAVE INTERVIEWED REFUGEES. VANCE

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